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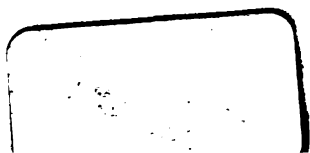
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**In Memory of**  
**THEODORE SPENCER**

**AUGUST 19, 1870**  
**JANUARY 28, 1906**

**We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.**

**—Bailey**

**NEW YORK**  
**1906**

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*Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Directors of  
the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia, January  
31, 1906:*

**T**HE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELL  
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA,  
at a special meeting held in the City of Philadelphia on  
January 31st, 1906, when there were present the Directors  
of the Company and its controlled Companies, and about  
two hundred officers and employees of the Companies and  
friends from other cities, unanimously adopted a minute  
in memory of MR. THEODORE SPENCER.



## THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President, proposing the minute, said:

*Mr. Chairman:*

I desire to propose a minute for the consideration and action of the Board.

In proposing this minute, I am keenly sensible of the fact that I do not, and can not, fitly voice the thoughts and the feelings of this Board and the other friends of Theodore Spencer, who are gathered here to pay a tribute to his memory. I appreciate how lame and weak mere words are at a time like this, but this minute may perhaps afford some intimation of the love for our dear friend and the appreciation of his character that are in our hearts seeking expression.

We are moved by a conflict of emotions—admiration, love, sorrow, sympathy and joy; admiration for the character of the man and his achievements, love for his most lovable nature, sorrow because of the burden of grief placed upon us, sympathy for one another and for those to whom he was nearest and dearest, and joy—above all, a crowning joy—a feeling of gladness and rejoicing—because of the great gift of his friendship and the rich memories which in going he has left to us as our heritage.

The voice that uttered so many kind words is hushed forever, the hand that did so many generous deeds lies helpless upon his breast, the heart that throbbed with



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so many unselfish impulses throbs no more, but Theodore Spencer lives and will live in our lives—an influence for good—lifting many of us to loftier and nobler heights than we have yet been able to attain.

His life among us was full of inspiration. We, his comrades and co-workers, may not remember him as a religious man in the ordinary acceptance of that term, but in the final analysis as we review his life among us, and recall his words and deeds, we must recognize that his was the true spirit of the Master—the spirit of service—the spirit of love—that spirit which, finding its greatest opportunity in the every day affairs of what we call business-life, is making for righteousness, is making the world better, and working everywhere, among men of all creeds and men of no creed, is hastening a universal recognition of the Brotherhood of Man, the Fatherhood of God.

## THE MINUTE

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

THIS MINUTE is spread upon the records of this Company as a testimonial of regard for MR. THEODORE SPENCER, whose death, at "life's meridian height," occurred at his home in this city on January 28th, 1906.

Mr. Spencer entered the service of this Company in October, 1894, at the age of twenty-four, and was successively advanced in responsibility until at the time of his death he was a member of this Board of Directors, as well as Vice President and General Manager of this Company and its controlled companies.

Under his able management the Companies have expanded enormously, and in every way their position as important factors in the social and industrial life of the age has been strengthened and solidified. With a keenness of intellect seldom equalled, enthusiastic energy, remarkable initiative and exceptional administrative skill he applied himself successfully to the many and varied problems that confronted the Companies in their progress.

In his death the Companies suffer a distinct and lasting misfortune.

In a rare degree Mr. Spencer possessed the qualities of simplicity, frankness, earnestness, integrity, purity and modesty. These qualities won the affection of all who knew him. His wide acquaintance with the best thought of all ages, his catholicity of mind, and his cour-

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teous and considerate demeanor made him a delightful companion and a much prized friend.

A rare and noble character has gone from us.

While our sorrow, therefore, is profound and our sympathy for those nearest and dearest to him in life is deep and sincere, yet we rejoice with them in the precious possession of a beautiful memory. Enshrined in our hearts, as in theirs, there will always be the glorified picture of a young man, strong and rejoicing in his strength, high-minded and noble-hearted—for such was Theodore Spencer.

We feel the orient of his spirit glow,  
Part of our life's unalterable good.

—*Lowell.*

## THE VOTE

A Motion that the Minute be adopted having been made, the Chairman, inviting all present to participate, called for a rising vote; whereupon all present arose, and after a brief period of silence the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

A motion then being made that the Board approve the order of the President directing that on the day of the funeral all offices of the Companies be closed, and all work suspended except so far as the public interest may prevent, and, further, that the Board adjourn and proceed in a body to the Church of the Ascension to attend the funeral, the Chairman called for a rising vote, and, all standing, the meeting was adjourned.

## THE DIRECTORS

UNION N. BETHELL,	RICHARD R. KENNEY,
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GEORGE M. JONES,	WILLIAM T. WESTBROOK.

UNION N. BETHELL, *President.*

WINFIELD S. PEIRSOL, *Secretary.*

Those present at the meeting who came from other cities to join in paying a tribute to Mr. Spencer's memory were :

GEORGE C. ALLEN,  
WILLIAM F. BAKER,  
DAVID C. COX,  
SAMUEL M. GREER,  
BERNHARD HOFFMANN,  
FORD HUNTINGTON,  
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New York.  
CARL T. KELLER,  
Of the New England Telephone  
and Telegraph Co., Boston.

BANCROFT GHERARDI,  
WALDRON HOPPINS,  
HENRY SANGER SNOW,  
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CHARLES H. WILSON,  
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Of the American Telephone and  
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HAMMOND V. HAYES,  
Of the American Telephone and  
Telegraph Co., Boston.  
HENRY E. HAWLEY,  
Of the Hudson River Telephone  
Company, Albany.  
FRANK H. BETHELL,  
AUGUSTUS P. CRENSHAW,  
Of the Chesapeake and Potomac  
Telephone Co., Washington.  
WILLIAM J. FARQUHAR,  
HIRAM F. STEVENS,  
Of the Central New York Tele-  
phone and Telegraph Company,  
Syracuse.

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Messages of sympathy which were submitted and read at the meeting were received from the following friends who could not be present:

JOSEPH F. BECK,  
Of the Providence Telephone Company, Providence.

WALTER BROWN,  
Of the New York Telephone Company, New York.

CHARLES E. BRYAN,  
Of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., Baltimore.

M. H. BUEHLER,  
Of the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company, Pittsburg.

JOHN J. CARTY,  
Of the New York Telephone Company, New York.

J. E. FAENSWORTH,  
Of the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Company, Dallas.

E. B. FIELD,  
Of the Colorado Telephone Company, Denver.

C. JAY FRENCH,  
Of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, Boston.

LOUIS GLASS,  
Of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Francisco.

SHERMAN R. HALL,  
W. O. PENNELL,  
F. C. PHELPS,  
Of the Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co., Kansas City.

JAMES L. HAMAR,  
Of the New York & New Jersey Telephone Company, Brooklyn.

ANGUS S. HIBBARD,  
Of the Chicago Telephone Company, Chicago.

FRANCIS A. HOUSTON,  
Of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Boston.

JASPER N. KELLER,  
Of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Boston.

L. H. KINNARD,  
Of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, Harrisburg.

J. F. LAND,  
Of the Michigan State Telephone Company, Detroit.

D. S. MURRAY,  
Of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, Salt Lake City.

H. J. PETTENGILL,  
Of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company, Minneapolis.

THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,  
Of the Bell Telephone Company, Buffalo.

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